

POLAND READY TO BEGIN WAR

To Defend Rights in Lemburg and Eastern Galicia

BELLIGERENT TALK BY FOREIGN MINISTER

Republic of Ukraine Claimed to Be Usurping Rights of Poland

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Poland is anxious to reach an amicable agreement with the Czechs regarding the claims of the latter to Austrian Silesia, and a Polish deputation will soon go to Prague to discuss the matter, according to a statement issued by the Polish foreign minister and printed in Cracow newspapers. The minister also says that no efforts will be made to solve by diplomacy claims to Galicia by Ukraine.

Regarding the southeastern frontier of Poland, the minister says the situation is very serious. He continues:

"The republic of Ukraine has forced the Poles to fight for their rights in Lemburg and the whole of eastern Galicia, and diplomatic discussions with Ukraine are at present impossible. It will be a question of arms until the matter is settled. Poland is ready to defend this part of her territory, where Poles are in the majority, by every means in their power."

STARS AND STRIPES CONSPICUOUS.

Next to the Union Jack They Are the Most Numerous in London.

London, Dec. 23 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—If there is not friendly feeling toward the United States in England the flags of London speak truthfully. There are millions of flags. Where all of them come from is a mystery. They simply appeared from everywhere and nowhere, like a barrage of color on the day when the armistice was signed. No coronation or royal jubilee has seen such a marvel of cloth.

Hardly a house, however small and humble, in the whole more than 20-mile radius of the largest city in the world was without its decorations. And the Stars and Stripes were more conspicuous than any flag except the Union Jack.

Wherever two flags hung together the American emblem was one of them. The French flag ranked next, but only a respectable third. Walking through the streets the American colors saluted the eye everywhere. Big ones, large enough to hide an ordinary house, hung in front of hotels, department stores and factories. Very many people, of the hundreds of thousands who tied flags to their hats and coats and umbrellas, even to their dogs, sported the Stars and Stripes. They were particularly popular with the girls, but workmen, old ladies and British soldiers were them. This seems to spell appreciation.

Some of the sadder newspapers which specialize in depicting, mourned bitterly over the armistice celebration in Trafalgar square on Nov. 12. "Property was destroyed." This was the burden of the plaint. It was true.

Reveries, chiefly Australian and Canadian soldiers, with a sprinkling of British and a few American accomplices, built a bonfire. They used whatever came to hand. Huge signboards around the Nelson monument appealing to citizens to buy war bonds were the first to feed the flames. Then a wooden hut, the property of the Y. M. C. A., was dragged to the pyre. Next came half a dozen German cannon, camouflaged with green purple and yellow, rushed up with shoutings from St. James' park close by.

There were many policemen about but they were helpless. The soldiers picked them up and thrust them off the scene. Then the fire engines came out and turned streams on the blaze. The Australians turned the hose on the astonished firemen and swept them off their feet with their own ammunition.

IN DIRE NEED.

The Cradle of White Civilization Is Threatened.

Declaring that he believed the American people could not and would not permit the cradle of the white man's civilization to perish, C. V. Vickery, secretary of the American committee for relief in the near East (formerly Armenian and Syrian relief), expressed confidence that the committee's need of \$30,000,000 for relief work among the poverty-stricken and starving Armenians and others in the near East would be fully realized and the nation's quota would be subscribed.

Mr. Vickery pointed out the dire need of orphanages for the children of Armenia and other sections of the Ottoman empire, orphaned by the wholesale murder of their parents by the Turks, by citing one of the many touching incidents that came to the committee from American missionaries and their relief workers in the near East. He emphasized that \$4,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 to be raised in this country during the week of Jan. 12 to 19 will be devoted to the building of orphanages for the stricken children.

The incident cited by Mr. Vickery to stress the need for orphanages follows: "Everybody is dead but us," sobbed two little brothers, when they were discovered living alone in a dugout. "Go, run for your lives and God bless you," was the warning prayer of their sister when she sent them away while she remained behind with their dying mother.

For two weeks, the little brothers had fled from the Turks as their sister bade them, hiding by day and running by night. At last they reached the dugout which had been made by soldiers of one of the armies fighting in that country and there the little boys were found by a passing American missionary.

All the food they had had during their flight was roots, berries and grass. In a pitiable condition, they were taken to an orphanage, established by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief from funds contributed by the American people. Here they are being cared for, with 500 other child refugees.

The Test.

Mrs. Knagz (with a reputation).—I fear my husband's mind is affected. Is there any sure test?

Doctor.—Tell him you'll never speak to him again, and if he laughs he's sane.—Boston Transcript.

Getting It Straight.

Old Maid.—Are those men following us?
Pretty Girl.—One of us, dear.—Boston Transcript.

NEW YORK HAS SPEED-UP FINISH

In Attempt to Enroll as Many Red Cross Members as a Year Ago.

New York, Dec. 23.—In a speed-up finish that amounted to a good-natured "hold-up" thousands of Red Cross workers to-day gave every New Yorker an opportunity to subscribe and no excuse for not wearing a 1919 membership button.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 men and women redoubled their efforts to-day to bring the total past the mark set last year.

Fifteen thousand workers in the house-to-house division started early to canvass and recanvass every flat, tenement, apartment house and private house in the greater city for new members. An equal number of men and women police reserves carried on the work in streets and restaurants, while the uniformed police force directed their campaign against automobiles and pedestrians.

ROMANCE AND TRAGEDY.

Were Mingled in the Trying Conditions During Turmoil in Russia.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—Romance was intermingled with tragedy in the trying days when the foreign colonies were attempting to get permission to leave Russia. Arrests, searches and threats of execution were relayed by marriages between men of the entente powers and Russian women.

The bolshevik government would not grant Russian citizens permits to go abroad. Consequently foreign men who hoped to leave Russia shortly could not hope to see their sweethearts for an indefinite period, possibly never, if they left them in starving, disrupted Russia, where food is denied to persons not regarded as "class-conscious workmen" and all persons not in sympathy with bolshevism are persecuted.

Many officials of the French and British colonies married in the last trying days of their stay in Moscow and Petrograd, but the wedding of Captain W. L. Hicks, military aide to Bruce Lockhart, the British diplomatic representative in Moscow, was accomplished in the face of greater obstacles perhaps, than those of other entente citizens who managed to marry between jail sentences and searches.

Captain Hicks was one of the French and English officials who were held as prisoners in the American consulate-general at Moscow. He was engaged to marry Madame Melina, but dared not leave the American premises to marry her. Most of his official associates were in prisons charged with contra-revolutionary activity and in danger of execution.

Russian priests refused to perform the ceremony in the American consulate, as the orthodox church requires that marriages be celebrated in a church.

Major Allen Wardwell of the American Red Cross, who was looking after the interests of foreign prisoners, interceded with bolshevik officials, but Peters, the head of the commission for the suppression of contra-revolution, was firm in his refusal to grant Captain Hicks immunity if he left the American property and walked into the Russian church, which stood in an adjoining court. When the hour for the departure of the British officials from Moscow approached, the situation became desperate.

Finally one of the Lettish women who was guarding Captain Hicks, became interested in his plight and telephoned to Peters, addressing him in the Lettish tongue. Her appeal was heeded. She assumed responsibility for the delivery of the English officer at the train which was to carry him out of Russia. A priest was hastily engaged and the party stopped in an orthodox church on the way to the station, where the ceremony was performed just half an hour before the bride and groom started for England.

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KEEP YOUR PLEDGE!

WILL PASS BILL BEFORE NIGHT

Senate Rushing War Revenue Measure Along Rapidly

BEGAN DISCUSSIONS TWO HOURS EARLY

Taxes on Inheritances and Luxuries Important Consideration

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Senate to-day convened two hours earlier than usual in the hope of reaching a final vote on the war revenue bill before adjournment, so that the three-day recess plan for over the holidays may be put into immediate effect.

The most important sections to be acted upon are those imposing taxes on inheritance and luxuries, and a final vote also must be had on the retention of the 1920 tax rates, which was agreed upon Saturday with the Senate sitting as a committee of the whole.

BAVARIAN INDUSTRIES TO BE SHUT DOWN

For the Purpose of Saving Coal—Communities Must Make Up Part of the Wages.

Munich, Dec. 23 (by the Associated Press).—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2, for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive ninety per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located, under a state treasury ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

WILSON WENT SHOPPING IN PARIS STORES

Bought Something for His Wife's Christmas Present Very Likely and Perhaps a Few Table Delicacies.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Although far away from the White House and the usual forty-pound yuletide turkey, President and Mrs. Wilson will enjoy something of the spirit of Christmas, even though the day is spent in the battle zone. It became known to-day that Mr. Wilson recently slipped away from the Murat residence and went on foot through the shopping district, making purchases and looking about without being recognized.

Mrs. Wilson has also been shopping alone at odd times and when Christmas morning comes it is fairly certain that Santa Claus will have visited the president's special train while en route to Chaumont.



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We offer the best at most tempting prices.

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French Ivory Hair Receivers, each 75c to \$2.00
French Ivory Puff Boxes, each 75c to \$2.00
French Ivory Manicure Sets, each \$1.50 to \$8.00
French Ivory Toilet Sets, each \$5.00 to \$12.00
French Ivory Combination Manicure and Toilet Sets, each \$7.00 to \$25.00
Toilet Waters in Christmas boxes, 50c-\$1.50
Perfumes in Christmas boxes, .65c to \$8.50
Stationery in Christmas boxes, 50c to \$2.00
Fountain Pens, each \$1.00 to \$8.00
Hot Water Bottles, each \$1.50 to \$2.75
Samsoet Chocolates 50c to \$5.00
Shaving Sets \$2.50 to \$6.50
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Agency for Page & Shaw, Dartmouth, Exempler and Apollo Chocolates in holiday boxes and Christmas baskets, from \$1.00 up to \$15.00. A full line of Cherub Bulk Chocolates.

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WHILE wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas," we desire to call attention to the fact that Christmas Day is just around the corner, and that it is now high time to be considering "what to give." After you have thought and thought, and looked at a thousand useless articles, come here and make a selection from our lines of Choice Footwear. You can't do better, for our Good Footwear is always appreciated by everybody. Then, too, we are giving you special prices, even at this Christmas gift time, in order to reduce our two stores in one. Ten cents on a dollar is worth saving!

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Come in and look over our stock and you will surely find something to suit.

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